

Senior Ski Trip A Smashing Success

by Anthony Mirro
and Vinny Cordi

The seniors go skiing! On January 23, the long-awaited senior ski trip began as 153 seniors took off for the slopes of the Poconos in Pennsylvania.

A fee of \$85.00 for each senior included three days lodging at Taminent Hotel. Students enjoyed ice-skating, pool, a movie, game machines, volleyball, and, oh yes, skiing. Complaints were few, except regarding the food. "It tasted like rubber," commented Bob Siebold.

They arrived at about 6:00 the first evening and observed a curfew at 1:00 A.M. Skiing sessions began the following day, along with other events. After dinner, a disco pool party was held and curfew was at 2:00 A.M. The seniors boarded the buses and headed home at 3:00 that Friday afternoon.

Besides planned activities, there were many highlights. "I'll never forget the Meatloaf

Brigade which Mr. DeFina led," says Bob Siebold. "A bunch of us marched the halls, checking rooms, like we were all crazy." Robert Romeo has memories of tap-dancing on the frozen lake. Vinny Cordi remembers the escape artist who tried to dodge curfew by climbing off the balcony holding on to the bed-sheets he'd tied together.

Despite slight damage, "holes in the wall (which the seniors paid for), empty fire extinguishers, and tornado-hit rooms," as one senior described it, Taminent has invited Ford back again. Sister Peggy McHugh said, "It was a fun trip and the seniors were cooperative." She is grateful to the other chaperones, Mr. Anthony DeFina, Mr. Joseph Mingrone, Mr. Gary Johnson, and Mrs. Denise Skalecky.

Zena Baygin probably described the experience best. She remarked "The snow, the friends, all the good feelings, it was like Fantasy Island!"



Senior Rob Romeo demonstrates some fine points of skiing

Students to Visit Spain and France

by Maria Sallustio

Everyone at one time or another dreams of visiting Europe, especially countries like Spain and France. Well, these dreams are coming true for some of the students and teachers here at Ford.

The first trip, to Spain, is being organized by Mr. Manuel Fernandez. Mr. Fernandez, Miss Diane Fasano and twelve students will visit Spain, a sunny land famous for bull fights and for more than 1,400 beautiful castles and palaces.

For the first three days the

group will be staying in Madrid, the capital and largest city of Spain. They will study the city's wealth of history and art. They will also take an excursion to El Escorial and the Valley of the Fallen. At El Escorial they'll visit the royal apartments where Philip II planned the Spanish Armada, the mausoleum where he lies buried, and the chapel where he heard mass.

After Madrid, they're off to Toledo, Spain's ancient capital and still its spiritual center. Their visit will include the 14th-century synagogue, El

Greco's house, and the Gothic Cathedral. These are just some of the places they will visit. They will also visit Granada, Cordoba, and Seville. They will be leaving on March 30th and will be back on April 7th.

For those interested in the culture of France, a group will be leaving on April 4th and coming back on April 14th (during Easter vacation).

This trip to France is being organized by Sister Mary Leane. Sister Mary Leane and eight students will arrive in Paris and then drive through the Normandy countryside to Caen. On the third day they will visit Mont-St.-Michel and Dinard. This visit to Mont-St.-Michel will give them a flashback of medieval France. On the fourth and fifth days they will visit many chateaux (castles) of the Loire Valley. The Loire valley is a peaceful, wooded valley which contains famous chateaux, such as Chenonceaux, Chambord and Chantilly, in which they will be staying over night.

For the last three days of the trip they will visit Paris. In Paris they will see Gothic and modern landmarks. They will visit the Louvre, one of the most famous museums in the world. They will also visit Versailles and Fontainebleau.

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The Belgians Are Coming!

by Maureen McLoughlin

Soon you may be noticing some strange faces in Ford classrooms and corridors (even stranger than the ones already here!). The faces will be those of Belgium exchange students visiting us between March 28 and April 5.

These students were the gracious hosts to our basketball and volleyball athletes in Belgium during the first part of the exchange last November. These twenty girls and twenty boys, also athletes, will now be the guests of the same Ford students whom they entertained in Belgium. Upon their arrival they will attend receptions with the Brooklyn Borough President and perhaps with the Mayor.

Their visit will include school days during which they will attend classes and an assembly. Here they will learn first-hand all about Brooklyn people and their way of life. The exchange aims to involve the whole student body. There will be informal games of basketball and volleyball played between the Falcons and the Belgium students.

Before their return home the students will also experience a Broadway show, a circus, the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, a Circle Line cruise and a trip to Washington, D.C.

Many Ford students are already looking forward to the Belgium students' visit. Said Mary Dopman, "I had a really great time there and I hope we can be as warm and open

with them as their families were with us." Matthew (Mr. E) Long remarked, "I think the visit will be a lot of fun and I hope we can show them as good a time as they showed us." Said Mr. Ray Nash, "This is an experience that the students from Belgium and Ford will remember for the rest of their lives. They should also be very thankful that Ford gave them this opportunity."

Faculty Braces for Defeat

by Marie Cassidy

After dismissal on Friday, February 29th, the student body All-Stars will face the faculty team in a basketball game which will be held in the gym. This game was arranged by the Student Council for the purpose of raising money for the school.

Steve Fratangelo and Eddie Healy are organizing the student team, while Mr. DiPleco has been given the monumental task of finding talent among the faculty. So far he has come up with a few players, including Mr. Bryne, Mr. Kane and Mr. Nash. Fratangelo has just recently announced the student squad. The only students who definitely may not play are the members of the varsity basketball team.

Admission will be only one dollar. So, come and watch as the students humiliate the faculty. It should be fun.

Ecology Club Hits the Trail



Members of Ecology Club on trail with ranger

by Anthony Raiola

Come the springtime, all you joggers might want to give up running and take up walking —along the Ecology Club's nature trail in Prospect Park.

The Ecology Club, under the direction of Mrs. Denise Skelecky, is working to set up a planned route one may follow to experience all of nature's best in Prospect Park. Scenic views will include special ponds, shrubs, trees, and green things in general. A point called Lookout Hill will also be featured. This is the second highest point in Brook-

lyn. Once the project is completed, sometime in April, the trail will be open to schools and interested individuals. The Urban Park Rangers, stationed in Prospect Park, have already sent words of commendation and gratitude for the Ecology Club's efforts. Ford "trailers" include Julia Piotrowski, Nancy Caminiti, Luis Gonzalez, Carolyn Leever, Robert Perro, John Spurmoni, Michael Ryan, Michael Bruno, Eddie Smith, Michael Hanratty, Joyce Kuhne and Robert Romeo.

But if you just can't slow your sneakers down, a jog on the trail is okay, too.

Bio Lab Members Give Birth

by Michael Ryan

There's life in the biology lab!

The biology lab squad members are parents again. There was a new litter of five guinea pigs born on January 5, 1980. They are Denise, Chrissy, Nancy, Debbie, and Frank. All the squad members are happy to hear the pitter-patter of little feet again.

And little wings! For the first time, the finches gave birth to three baby birds on January 29, 1980. Unfortunately, two have died from accidents.

Is there a kingsnake in your greenhouse? There was one in the biology lab greenhouse, lost for over four weeks. The critter was finally caught by Michael Ryan.

One last note: the rabbit of room 129 is ready for adoption. If anyone is interested in adopting him (Easter is not that far away), see Michael Ryan one day after school in the biology lab.

Fratangelo and Cordi Leave Much to Be Desired

by Vinny Cohan

Earlier this year, Steve Fratangelo and Vinny Cordi were elected President and Vice-President of the Student Council. Their campaign was centered around the promise that they would work for us, they would change the image of the Student Council. That they did. Unfortunately, they changed it for the worse.

It seems that Fratangelo and Cordi have this uncanny desire to keep out of the view of the student body. Few people have heard of either of them actually accomplishing anything since the election. This has resulted in the widespread feeling of apathy among the entire Ford community regarding the Student Council. People are beginning

to wonder if the wrong candidates were chosen. They see that Fratangelo and Cordi, although well-intentioned, are simply not presidential material. In our country, President Carter is often criticized for weak leadership. What we have here is one step further—no leadership.

It must be pointed out that the Student Council has little power to begin with. It also must be pointed out that some work has been done. A few events have been organized, and progress has been made in relaxing the dress code. But what else? Events happen every year, with or without the Student Council. Changes in the dress code are almost always the result of the concerted efforts of students, not

a direct result of action taken by the Student Council.

The president and vice-president must be individuals who will strive to expand the influence of the Council. They must rally the student body behind them. Imagine the impact the Council would have if it had the full support of the students. It would have to be taken seriously. This is a goal every Student Council member should strive for. Fratangelo and Cordi have done nothing to make this a reality. If they are not willing to assume the responsibility of leadership roles and take the initiative in the revitalization of the Student Council, then maybe they should just step down and let real leaders take the helm.



The Unknown President in action

Inquiring Reporter

by Sharon Healy

Question: What do you think the president and vice-president of the Student Council of Bishop Ford have done so far for the students?

Clare Deodato, 204—"I feel that they have done nothing for the underclassmen!"

Robert Romeo, 407—"I think that they do not care enough for the students. Also, I feel they have been worthless to the students."

James Iglesias, 306—"I feel they have not done enough

for the students."

Ed Healy, 404—"Steve's intentions are good and he is willing to work for the students, but he does not know how to carry out his ideas. Vinny Cordi does nothing. Wake up, Vinny!"

Eileen Tully, 212—"I haven't heard from them since the election."

Joyce Kuhne, 207—"I don't think they have done anything at all."

Patrick Walls, 312—"Who are they?"

Should the Girls Be Satisfied?

by Vincent Cohan

A familiar pattern has developed at Ford in the past few years. Each year the girls here realize that they are getting the proverbial "shaft" and they try to do something about it. They rightfully complain about having to wear a uniform and are, for the most part, ignored.

It is clearly unfair that the majority of students is allowed a broad choice in dress, while others are restricted to a silly, outdated uniform. Can anyone blame the girls for complaining? This is blatant discrimination. If Ford were a school which received federal funds, it would be unlawful to

enforce such a code. Yet, it still continues, despite criticism from the male portion of the student body, as well as the female.

In 1976, when the all-male student body of Ford was asked what they thought about the possibility of uniforms for the incoming girls, the response was overwhelmingly against it. As you might have guessed, the opinion of the student body made no more difference then than it does now. The argument that was presented then, and which still comes up in favor of the uniform, is that back in 1977 the parents of the girls were surveyed and they decided that

they would like their daughters to wear a uniform. As far as anyone knows, the girls were not asked.

It seems that a tremendous point could be made if the girls convinced their parents that the uniforms are unfair. Then a call could be made for a re-poll, and an end could be put to a tradition whose day has come and gone.

It seems unhealthy to force the female population to dress alike. It's almost a chapter out of 1984. On this issue, we express the opinion of a good deal of the male students at Ford. The next time the girls have a point to make, they can count us in.

Students Ranked Out

In our society there are three levels of schooling: elementary, secondary, and post-secondary. In this system a student advances, supposedly, according to his efforts and his own merit. Why is it, then, that one's rank in class is regarded so highly by prospective high schools and colleges?

We seem to be rapidly approaching the point where rank-in-class is more important than actual achievement. Many colleges today will specify that all applicants must be in the top 20% of their class. What is the reasoning behind this? As long as the applicant meets the basic academic requirements, regardless of rank, he should be eligible.

Not only does this absurd obsession with rank contradict the purpose of education, it also allows for destructive competition which can erode the friendship and goodwill in the school community.

There is no need to completely disregard the class rank. However, it does seem necessary that high schools and colleges pay more attention to a student's own achievements, rather than to those of his classmates.

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Phys Ed Dishonorable

by Murray Weiss

If a student is kept off the honor roll at Bishop Ford, does this mean he has neglected his studies? Not necessarily. Physical Education, which is essentially not academic, also counts towards honors.

The purpose of the honor roll is to recognize and commend students for achievement in their studies. Physical Education is not truly "studiable." It is, for the most part, a participation class. Its main aim is to develop one's body, not one's intellect. The Phys. Ed. grade does not even count in a student's over-all average.

Why, then, should Phys. Ed. count toward honors? Should worthy students be penalized if they are not sports-oriented? What of physical handicaps? I call for a re-evaluation of Ford's honor roll system.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to inform the student body of the existence of the newly-formed Guidance Advisory Committee.

This committee is comprised of certain parents, faculty members, each year's grade advisors, representatives of the guidance department and each year's class president.

If anyone has any ideas or feelings regarding the guidance department that he would like to air, he should make them known to his class president, and he, in turn, will inform the committee of same. The freshmen may contact any one of the class presidents to get a message to the committee.

This committee was formed to aid the guidance department in the already wonderful work they are doing, and it's up to all of us to help make it work.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

Phillip T. Kirton,
Senior Class President

To the Editor:

As a member of the class of '81, I would like to suggest a new senior privilege: schedules should be arranged to allow for earlier dismissal.

Classes could be arranged in a block schedule so that a student's free periods would fall at the end of the day. A student would no longer need to hang around the cafeteria or library during frees while waiting for a last class.

It is very hard to find after-school jobs because prospective employers want workers to start before 3:00 or 3:30. A block schedule would ease the problem. True, while some students like to hang around school during frees, there are many who would rather be dismissed early, especially for working purposes. I feel seniors should have this option.

Many schools already use block programs successfully. I hope the student council and the administration will give this matter serious consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda Cretella, 302

Dear Editor,

This is in response to the "Letter to the Editor" which appeared in your last issue.

Some underclassmen requested permission to wear corduroys. The Student Council reviewed this matter and gave its support. However, the administration unanimously

denied permission. All issues that the students want reviewed should be brought directly to the Student Council.

Sincerely,

Stephen Fratangelo,
President of the Student Council

To the Editor:

Highpoint is becoming a paper which expresses personal views, instead of being a newspaper.

If a person is to be allowed to express his personal views, let these be limited to events concerning the Ford community, and list these articles in a section entitled **Editorials**.

The article appearing in the November-December issue titled "Americans: Born to Run" is a case-in-point. It expressed only one person's opinion. Print facts!

Sincerely,

James Cutrone, 302

Editor's Reply:

The second page of our paper is, traditionally, the "opinion" (or editorial) page. All articles which appear on this page are expressive of student views.



Faculty Focus: Bro. Philip Meyer



Brother Phillip at work

by Howard Quintero

In the guidance office there's a sign by the desk of Mrs. Cederroth which points the way to "Guidance Director." If you follow it, you are likely to meet quite an interesting man; he is Brother Philip Meyer, O.S.F.

Brother Philip grew up right here in Park Slope on Sixth Ave. and Ninth Street. He attended Holy Family Elementary School and Bishop Ford High School, which then was still under construction. There were no gym facilities, cafeteria or lobby steps. He later graduated, however, from Saint Anthony's in Smithtown.

He recalls his strict upbringing during which his parents emphasized achievement. He had to devote a certain number of hours to homelife and do regular chores, his least favorite of which was washing his "mangy, smelly, and hairy dog."

After graduation, he attended Saint Francis College where he received a Bachelor's Degree in English. He taught English for seven years at Saint Bartholomew's Elementary School in Queens. He has also earned two Masters Degrees in counseling from Notre Dame and Fordham. "After twenty-four years

of schooling, I'm finally finished," he said.

A counselor for four years at Bishop Ford, Brother describes himself as a "helper." The majority of his time he spends with students, and the rest of his time he organizes programs (such as peer-group), meets with the other counselors, and oversees the various operations of the guidance department. As for the future, Brother Philip talks of counseling in a "different" situation, perhaps at an orphanage or prison. "I'd even like one day to establish a group home for troubled young delinquents."

Brother Philip's hobbies include calligraphy and camping. He has been to such places as the Rockies, the Grand Canyon, and the White Mountains of New England. He is also an expert mountain climber. He recalls one adventure during which he climbed atop a mountain in Yellowstone Park with a tour guide who then abandoned him. Brother was left stranded 12,000 feet above sea level in the middle of a lightning storm.

But Brother Philip endured, thank goodness, as he is here today to put a little order in our lives as guidance director.

What's Your Excuse?

by Amy Mattison

Many of us at one time or another have gone to the attendance office for a late pass in order to enter our first class. Inevitably, everyone comes up with a foolproof excuse for his tardiness.

Brother Arnold, the attendance officer, has heard many different tales of how the train or bus was late or how the alarm clock broke. His most unusual recollection, though, is of the student who claimed his teeth had fallen down the drain. Really! When Brother questioned him about this, the student casually re-

moved his teeth to back up his story.

After apparently "hearing it all," Brother offers this advice to aid you in telling your story. First, if you decide to beg, make sure you are down on your hands and knees. Secondly, if you decide, instead, simply to cry, try not to ruin the shine on Brother's shoes.

If you follow this advice, you can't be sure you will be excused, but I have been assured that if enough students follow this advice, I will never again receive demerits for lateness.

Frankie Falcon to the Rescue



Faster than a speeding slime mold.

More powerful than the Student Council.

Able to leap over Mr. Fusco in a single bound.

Look! Down in the gym!

Is it a bird? Almost. It's Frankie Falcon.

SAT Scores Overemphasized

by Hope Parisi

For most college admissions officers, the alphabet does not start with ABC. Rather, it begins with SAT, abbreviating Standardized Admissions Testing.

And many Ford seniors would rather this were not the case. Their average scores on the SAT dip below the national average, that being 467 for math and 427 verbal. Brother Philip Meyer, Director of Guidance, offered some possible reasons for the low scores. Many business students who might not have taken the test, took the test. "And the SAT material is not business material," said Brother. Also, Ford offers many electives and many students forsake the more traditional courses for these.

Fortunately, however, the

colleges are beginning to consider a student's cumulative average, rank-in-class, and recommendations for college acceptance. They realize that a student's SAT score is not always a valid indicator of ability. "A lot depends upon interest," says Brother Philip. If a student is not motivated by interesting course work, he won't do as well as he could." Brother feels, therefore, that electives are essential to a high-schooler's program.

But if the PSAT scores are any indication of the SAT scores to follow, the present juniors are expected to do very well. Already they rate above the national average, some thirty points in both verbal and math. Brother Philip credits this to the fact that these juniors entered Ford under stricter entrance requirements.

But can a student really do anything in preparation for these ugly SAT's? The College Admissions Board says no, these tests measure aptitude, not achievement. But it's best to keep those No. 2 pencils sharpened anyway; studies prove that with careful preparation and practice under simulated test conditions, one's score can be raised slightly.

Please Read This Article

by Daniel Clinchot

As we begin the 80's, a little bit of the '60s is being revived. The mini-skirt, once so popular, is slowly becoming the style of the '80s.

The mini-skirt, originally 14-16 inches from the waistline, has been remodeled to fit the '80's. Most top fashion designers have begun to make their skirts reach 18-20 inches below the waistline. This length is becoming standard for the new mini-skirt.

The reinstitution of the mini-skirt has not yet been accepted by all major outlets. These stores are refusing to buy any of the designers skirts unless they are length-

ened a few inches. So, it may be a while before the mini-skirt makes a complete comeback.

Some Ford students were asked what they thought about the return of the mini-skirt. The overall male reaction was positive. One male student said, "The mini-skirt is something that makes a woman look sexy and appealing."

The overall female response was not so positive. Many girls felt that the mini-skirt exploits the female body and is an insult to a girl's natural beauty.

"And besides," as one girl put it, "you freeze in the winter."

Choosey PICers Pick Bart

by Vincent Cohan

What do boxing, hockey and Personal Involvement with Christ have in common? Why, Bart Rettalato, of course. Bart is a fully accredited amateur boxer, an avid hockey fan and player, and the President of PIC.

His amateur boxing experience includes more than fifteen bouts, and he most re-

cently participated in the Golden Gloves competition. Besides boxing, Bart's favorite sport is hockey. "Hockey," he points out, "is great because it combines speed, accuracy and toughness."

Bart has been involved in PIC since his freshman year. "I was attracted to PIC by its aims, mainly. The name of the organization says a lot

about it." Bart has been PIC President now for two and a half years and feels that PIC is quite successful. He says, "There is always room for improvement, but as far as membership goes, we do pretty well."

Bart plans to major in Art at Brooklyn College. He is also interested in Sociology. "I would like to work with people, maybe as a social worker." He feels that to work for the benefit of people is by far the most rewarding work.



Bart Rettalato explains the many uses of a pencil

See and hear

Liam Clancy

and

Tommy Makem

at Ford

on

March 15

Falcons Take Utica Cup, Then Trounce Xaverian and Prep

by Jorge Diaz

The Bishop Ford Falcons outscored the Jugglers at Utica in the Seventh Annual Notre Dame Juggler Basketball Classic Championship in the Utica Memorial Auditorium. Bishop Ford led 35-33 at halftime, but a psyched-up Juggler squad went ahead of the Falcons, 17-12, in the third period to take a 50-47 lead entering the final quarter. Notre Dame tried unsuccessfully to regain the lead and Bishop Ford's Falcon's won the tournament with a score of 68-66. Bishop Ford has now won the tournament for the past two seasons. Tom Lowney was named MVP of the tournament and Bob Dadona was named to the All-Tourney Team.



Bob Dadona leaps over the competition

Girls' Basketball Team Shoots For the Top

by Ingrid Mihailovich

Don't be surprised if you walk into our school gym and find the girl's varsity basketball team practicing very hard. Coached by Mrs. Groneman, the team is led by some outstanding players, such as guards Susan Rail (Co-Captain), Mary Kawas (Co-Captain) and forward Mary Dopman. Other very dedicated and talented players on the

team are seniors Barbara Blazewicz and Diane Checco, juniors Gerry Cregg, Dana Czark, Eileen McGee, Jean Powers and Kathy Restano, sophomores Gena Barous and Jennifer Gallagher, and freshman Rita Mullaney, Jennifer Pappanicholau and Margaret Zatorski. The managers of the team are Julia Ferguson and Mary McEvoy.

When asked about the team,

Mrs. Groneman replied, "We haven't done as well as I had hoped, but the girls practice hard and face some tough competition."

The girls' record is 3-5, having successfully beaten such schools as McAuley, O.L.P.H. and Poly Prep. With only five games left, their hardest competition will come from such schools as St. Saviour's, Nazareth and Loughlin.

The basketball season is almost at its end, with the team maintaining a 13-6 record. They rank in third place borough-wide.

In the first week of February, our varsity team tackled Xaverian, scoring 65-60, and Saint Francis Prep, to the tune of 82-69. Team member Glenn Thomas sees these victories as real spirit boosters

for the play-offs. Tommy Lovardi commented, "If we go into the play-offs, we'll go all the way." After the play-offs it's off to capture the CHSAA title presently held by Loughlin. In this competition, the Falcons will play the best public high school team in the city. Then the top 16 teams of the state come together in a bout for the state championship.

Swimmers Drown Xaverian, Take 4th in League

by Jim Cutrone

The Varsity Swimming Team placed 4th in the Brooklyn-Queens championships. The relay team of Gerrard, Maher, Cutrone, and Mackay took 3rd place in the 400 yd. freestyle relay.

Jimmy Cutrone set a school record while taking 3rd place in the 200 yd. Individual Medley. Cutrone also took the gold medal in the 500 yd. Freestyle.

Jim Mackay took 4th place in the 200 yd. Individual Medley. In the 100 yd. breaststroke, Mackay missed the league record by 1/10 of a second. He took second in this event.

Other swimmers who made the top 14 were:

Donna Gerrard,
Martin Maher,
Brian Mooney,
Tom McGlade.

The swimming team defeated its arch-rival, Xaverian, on January 27, with a score of 85-64. The Falcons won eight of eleven events.

Martin Maher and Steven Hanratty went 1, 2 in the 500-yd. freestyle, respectively.

Tom McGlade got the jump at the start of the 100-yd. breaststroke and was never challenged for the lead.

Jim Mackay and Jim Cutrone were both triple winners. Mackay won the 100-yd. Freestyle and 200-yd. Individual Medley, while Cutrone took the 200-yd. Freestyle and 100 yd. Backstroke. Both were members of the winning 400-yd. Freestyle Relay, along with Martin Maher and Brian Mooney.

Sal Pernice, Bobby Dreher, Sheila McKee and Julie Walker also scored valuable points.

Extra:

Jim Mackay took first in the 100-yd. Breaststroke at the Y.M.C.A. City Championships on Jan. 26. Also, Tom McGlade came in seventh place at the New York Daily News Meet on Jan. 12 in the 100-yd. Freestyle.

Stallions Decimate Vikings in Intramural Football, 40-0

by Joe Frega

On a cold Thursday afternoon in January the Vikings and Stallions met to compete for the Junior-Senior Intramural Championship. The Stallions, led by the passing skill of David Iacono and a powerful defense headed by Robert Cianci and Terry Cioffi, defeated the Vikings, 40-0.

The Vikings, quarterbacked by their Captain, Mike Ratigliano, were unable to move after winning the toss and were forced to throw off. The Stallions wasted no time taking command as Iacono hit

Nicky Delre and John Geraci on 1st and 2nd down passes before hitting Robert Cianci for the game's first touchdown. John Geraci caught the extra point pass, and the Stallions were up ahead 7-0. On the next Viking possession, Robert Barbu intercepted, but the Stallions failed to score.

Midway through the first half the Vikings appeared to have a touchdown drive in progress; Ratigliano hit McLoughlin and Tierno on the first two downs, putting them at midfield. The drive was ended when Cioffi blocked third and fourth down passes.

The Stallions increased their lead by scoring 13 unanswered points in the span of 2 minutes. A driving effort by Eric Bianco, tipped by Viking John LoPresti, turned an Iacono pass into a touchdown, which made the score 13-0. The next Viking drive was stopped by a Bianco interception, and a touchdown pass to Cioffi, plus the extra point caught by Cianci, made the score 20-0 near the end of the half. A Cianci interception with one minute left in the half led to an Iacono-to-Ricky Shammus touchdown pass and a successful extra point pass

to Cioffi, making the score 27-0 at halftime.

The Vikings desperately tried to regroup as the second half began, but Stallions' defense held their ground. The Stallion offense kept on rolling. Iacono hit Cioffi twice for two more touchdowns and a 40-0 lead.

The Vikings put together two more drives sparked by two John LoPresti interceptions, but these drives were killed by interceptions made by Cianci and Barba.

Terry Cioffi, Dave Iacono and Robert Cianci shared M.V.P. honors.

Tracy Takes High-Jump Title

by Mary Ann Svec

On February 10, John Tracy captured the Brooklyn-Queens Hi-Jump Title by taking the Gold Medal at St. Francis Prep.

Peter Cole and Joe Groot took 4th place medals in the High-Jump and Triple-Jump in the same meet.

On December 15 the boy's varsity team came in first place in the Loughlin two-mile relay. The team was at the St. Peter's meet on December 23 and the varsity and

freshman teams both finished in third place. The key runners for the varsity team were Bill Kelly, Pat Dugan, Roger Menze, Tommy Burns, Bob Powers, Joe Groot and John Tracy.

The team was at the time trials for the Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden on January 15. Mr. Fernandez felt that, "A lot was expected of them, but due to illness and overconfidence, these expectations fell through."

Femme Falcons' Feet Fly

Mary Ann Svec

Ford's girl's track team entered the St. Peter's meet and had two girls running the mile: Regina Corrigan, who came in second place, and Patricia McAllister, who came in third place; both girls won trophies. In the 60-yard dash Maureen McLoughlin came in second place and received a trophy.

The girls on the team are: Esmeralda Barrio, Regina Corrigan, Clare Deodato, Mary Dopman, Alecia Dukes, Kay Evans, Donna Leach, Maura Mahon, Patricia McAllister, Patty O'Connor, Madeline Pagano, Jennifer Papanicholau, Leyda Rabie, Cathy Restaino and Mary Ann Svec. The co-captains are Ingrid Mihailovich and Maureen McLoughlin.

Sportlight: Jim Mackay, Superswimmer

by Martin Maher

Jim Mackay has been a member of Ford's varsity swimming team since freshman year. In sophomore year, he already held Ford's record for the 100-yard breaststroke, with a time of 1:10.1. He has re-established this record several times since then. Jim is

presently the top breast-stroker in the league, clocking a lightning 1:02.7 for the 100 yard event.

"Jimmy's a hard worker. He is always trying and always improving," says Coach Al Hutchhausen. Mr. Hutchhausen has been Jim's coach for the past two years. He is Jim's favorite coach of the

three he has had since freshman year. Jim said, "I like 'Mr. H.' because, besides being a good friend, he's also my coach for the YMCA swimming team. That's good because we can work on my weak points more often."

Jim is well-liked and admired by his teammates, says co-swimmer Jim Cutrone. "Jimmy's example is really good for the younger swimmers."

In college Jim plans to study forestry. He is looking into Syracuse University and the University of Vermont. Jim said, "They both offer great forestry programs and they both have swimming. It's going to be a tough choice."

So far Jimmy has fared very well in competition. Last year he qualified for both the YMCA and CHSAA State and National Championships. This year many competitors are already preparing to face our superstar in these meets.



Jim Mackay